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Due to the recent increase in foreclosures on residential properties, there has also been an increase in the number of reports of green swimming pools at abandoned residences in Los Angeles County. The hazards posed by stagnant water in these pools are a threat to public health and safety, with the foremost hazards being the potential for mosquito breeding and drowning. With the coming warm months of summer approaching, and the marked increase in foreclosures in the County, the potential for a significant public health problem posed by stagnant water in swimming pools at abandoned properties is foreseeable.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and the office of the County Counsel, to report back to the Board within 60 days regarding a program, pilot or otherwise, that seeks to accomplish the following:

- Define the legal issues involved with entering private property to abate an immediate public health threat at an abandoned property, provide a definition of what constitutes property abandonment, and determine if the Los Angeles County Code will require amendment to provide the Health Officer or his designee the authority to enter an abandoned property and abate a health hazard that is an immediate threat;

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- Develop a plan to coordinate the resources of the Department of Public Health and the Department of Public Works to remediate green swimming pools at abandoned properties where the owner of record has not taken timely action to correct the problem after notification by the Health Officer or his designee of a hazard;
- Develop a mechanism for the County to recover from the property owner the costs incurred in remediation of green swimming pools at abandoned properties, and report back to the board in 60 days.

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